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In re Application of  
Sharkey, et al.  
Application No. 08/714,987  
Filed: September 17, 1996  
Attorney Docket No. 17616-705

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 5, 2000, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed January 31, 2000. In addition to the shortened statutory period of three months granted by the Office action, a three month extension of time was obtained. Therefore, this application became abandoned on August 1, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 26, 2000.

All requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been met. This petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, this application is again abandoned in favor of the Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") filed September 5, 2000.

This application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for processing the CPA and review of the Preliminary Amendment.

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